

**Listing of the Claims:**

*This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:*

1. (original) A jacket, comprising:  
two sleeves;  
a chest portion designed to be worn above a wearer's breastline;  
a back portion, the jacket being cut such that the chest portion and the back portion end proximate the wearer's armpits.
2. (original) A jacket according to claim 1 wherein the sleeves are long sleeves.
3. (original) A jacket according to claim 1 wherein the jacket is cut such that a bottom of the back portion and a bottom of the chest portion comprise a substantially straight edge that is positioned proximate the wearer's armpits.
4. (original) A jacket according to claim 1 wherein the chest portion includes one or more buttons.
5. (original) A jacket according to claim 1 wherein the chest portion includes a zipper.

6. (original) A jacket according to claim 1 wherein the jacket is cut such that the chest portion is substantially V-shaped.
7. (original) A jacket according to claim 1 wherein the jacket is cut such that a bottom of the chest portion curves upwards from the armpits to a first point that is positioned above the breasts of the wearer and then curves downwards to a second point that is located between the breasts of the wearer.
8. (original) A jacket according to claim 1 wherein the jacket is cut such that the back portion is V-shaped.
9. (original) A jacket according to claim 1, further comprising one or more tie straps attached to the chest portion.
10. (currently amended) A jacket according to claim 1 wherein the jacket is made at least in part of denim.
11. (currently amended) A jacket according to claim 1 wherein the jacket is made at least in part of leather.
12. (currently amended) A jacket according to claim 1 wherein the jacket is made at least in part of suede.

13. (original) A jacket according to claim 1 wherein the jacket is adorned with decorative trim.
14. (original) An article of clothing, comprising:  
a front and a back;  
a pair of sleeves;  
wherein the front comprises first and second closable flaps disposed between the sleeves,  
the first and second closable flaps cut at least partially above a breastline.
15. (original) An article of clothing according to claim 14 wherein the back is cut above the breastline.
16. (original) An article of clothing according to claim 14 wherein the back extends in a general V-shape from an armpit region of the article of clothing to a hip region.
17. (original) An article of clothing according to claim 14, further comprising at least one anchor line extending from a bottom portion of the front.
18. (original) An article of clothing according to claim 14, further comprising two anchor lines having free ends extending from a bottom portion of the front.

19. (original) An article of clothing according to claim 14, further comprising a crossing anchor line attached at a middle portion to the front, and having distal ends extending from the front, looping around a wearer, and tied together in a knot.
20. (original) An article of clothing according to claim 14 wherein the two flaps comprise Velcro attachments.
21. (original) An article of clothing, comprising:
- a collar;
  - first and second sleeves;
  - first and second shoulder covering portions;
  - first and second armpit portions;
  - a front portion extending only between the first and second armpit portions and the first and second shoulder covering portions.
22. (original) An article of clothing according to claim 21, further comprising a back portion extending below the armpit portion into a general V-shape.
23. (original) An article of clothing according to claim 21 wherein the front portion comprises a substantially straight bottom edge extending from the first armpit portion to the second armpit portion.

24. (original) An article of clothing according to claim 21 wherein the front portion comprises a middle and a bottom edge, the bottom edge comprising:

a first arc extending up from the first armpit portion toward the collar and back down to the middle;

a second arc extending up from the second armpit portion toward the collar and back down to the middle.

25. (original) An article of clothing according to claim 21 wherein the front portion comprises a middle, and further comprising:

first and second anchor lines comprising first and second ends;

wherein the first ends of the first and second anchor lines each attach to the middle; and

the second ends of the first and second anchor lines comprise fasteners for attachment to a clothing item at a wearer's hips.

26. (original) An article of clothing according to claim 21 wherein the front portion comprises a middle, and further comprising:

a first chain comprising first and second ends;

wherein the first and second ends of the first chain attach to the middle; and

a mid section of the first chain attaches to a back portion.

27. (original) An article of clothing according to claim 21, further comprising:  
first and second crossing straps comprising first and second ends;  
wherein the first ends of the first and second crossing straps each attach to the front; and  
the second ends of the first and second straps extend around a back of a wearer, continue to a front of the wearer, and tie together in a knot.
28. (original) An article of clothing, comprising:  
a sleeved outer garment extending only from a shoulder region to a midriff section;  
first and second anchor lines attached to a bottom portion of the article of clothing.
29. (original) An article of clothing, comprising:  
a sleeved outer garment extending only from a shoulder region to a midriff region;  
first and second anchor lines attached to a front bottom portion of the article of clothing,  
each of the first and second anchor lines comprising a free end with a fastener attached thereto.
30. (original) An article of clothing according to claim 29 wherein the first and second anchor lines comprise chains, and the fasteners comprise spring-loaded attachment rings attachable to a belt loop.

31. (original) A jacket, comprising:

a collar;

first and second sleeves;

first and second shoulder covering portions;

first and second armpit portions;

a front portion having:

a middle portion;

a first side portion adjacent the first armpit portion;

wherein the first side portion extends only between the first armpit portion and the first shoulder portion;

a second side portion adjacent the second armpit portion;

wherein the second side portion only extends between the second armpit portion and the second shoulder covering portion;

a first arc extending up from the first armpit portion toward the collar and back down to the middle portion;

a second arc extending up from the second armpit portion toward the collar and back down to the middle.

32. (original) The jacket according to claim 31, further comprising first and second anchor lines comprising first and second ends; wherein the first ends of the first and second anchor lines each attach to the front and the second ends of the first and second anchor lines include fasteners for attachment to a clothing item at a wearer's hips.

33. (original) The jacket according to claim 31, further comprising an anchor strap comprising first and second ends; wherein the first and second ends extend from the front, loop around a wearer, and tie together to form a knot.